GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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ACTIVITIES OF PLACEMENT FIRMS
MADHAVRAO SCINDIA;RAM SHAKAL;SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned `Placement firm dupes 60 youngsters of lakhs` appearing in the Hindustan Times dated December 19, 1999;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) the number of firms and placement companies which are reported to have duped the employment seekers, especially foreign assignment seekers, including the cases of export of job seekers on fake documents in Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai and Calcutta during each of the last three years;

(d) whether the Government propose to enact any law in order to take action against such firms and to monitor their activities;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) if not, the reasons therefor; and (g) the steps taken to effectively tackle the menace involving duping of job-seeking youth ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

(SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. A placement agency which operated under the name and style of Victoria hospitality from Bhikaji Cama Place, New Delhi is alleged to have duped several persons of lakhs of rupees on the promise of arranging jobs for them in foreign countries. Delhi Police have registered a criminal case against the owner of the said agency on the basis of complaint made by one of the alleged victims.
(c) The requisite information in respect of National Capital territory of Delhi is given in the attached statement.

In so far as Mumbai, Chennai and Calcutta are concerned `Public Order` and `Police` being State subjects as per the Constitution of India, the registration, investigation, detection and prevention of crime is essentially the responsibility of the State Governments concerned.

(d)&(f): The existing provisions of law are sufficient to take suitable action in such cases.

(g): The steps taken to curb such fradulent activities include immediate initiation of legal action by Delhi Police against such firms/companies on receipt of specific complaint; checking up the authenticity and keeping a watch on the working of such placement companies; and setting up of a special Economic Offences Wing under Crime Branch for speedy and effective investigation of such cases.